

Other Decisions Municipalities May Face:

Will the municipality provide collection services for small businesses?

Businesses are already required to recycle their televisions and computer monitors. If a municipality accepts televisions and computer monitors from both residents and businesses, each household unit must be clearly marked to distinguish residential wastes from business wastes. Manufacturers are required to only pay the costs of consolidator handling and recycling of household computer monitors and televisions.

How will municipalities pay for collection and delivery to an approved consolidator?

Municipalities may charge a fee to residents and/or businesses for collection and transportation services.

Which consolidator should we use?

DEP will notify municipalities of the approved consolidators by January 1, 2006. You then decide which you want to use to deliver the services you are seeking.

What if we want to recycle additional electronic components such as computers, printers, etc.?

A municipality can choose to recycle additional items at its own expense. Talk with a consolidator about costs. As the price of commodities from recyclables increases, the cost for recycling services decreases. For example, at times consolidators/recyclers have accepted computers at no charge because the materials in the computers have had great value in the commodities market.

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**Household TV & Computer Monitor
Recycling Program**
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WASTE HOUSEHOLD TVS & COMPUTER MONITORS

Disposal ban.....July 20, 2006
Manufacturer responsibility.....Jan.18, 2006

Municipal Responsibility



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MAINE E-WASTE LAW

MUNICIPAL RESPONSIBILITY

TWO IMPORTANT DATES

Beginning **January 18, 2006** manufacturers will be paying for the recycling of residentially-generated televisions and computer monitors in Maine. These same manufacturers will be paying for the transportation of these items when loads reach 16,000 lbs or more.

Beginning **July 20, 2006**, the disposal of TVs and computer monitors is prohibited in Maine.

This means that each municipality must provide its residents with a means to recycle their televisions and computer monitors (or ship these wastes out of state for disposal).



There are five ways municipalities can meet their responsibility for managing household televisions and computer monitors (CRTs and flat panel displays including laptops) for recycling.

1. Residents deliver directly to nearby DEP-approved consolidator.

If there is a consolidator within a reasonable travel distance from your municipality that is approved by the DEP under the e-waste rules to manage household televisions and computer monitors, the municipality may enter into an agreement with the nearby consolidator to accept these items directly from your residents.

2. Residents deliver directly to nearby regional solid waste recycling center.

Many municipalities are members of regional solid waste recycling facilities. If a nearby regional solid waste recycling facility manages televisions & computer monitors for recycling, your municipality may be able to have your residents deliver their TVs and computer monitors directly to the regional recycling center.

3. On-going collection at a transfer station or recycling center.

Municipalities may choose to set up on-going collection as part of their routine transfer station or recycling operations. In this case, the municipality will need to arrange for delivery of the computer monitors and televisions to a DEP-approved consolidator or to a regional recycling facility.

4. Annual or semi-annual collection at a municipal facility.

Municipalities may hold annual or semi-annual one or two-day collection events at a municipal facility.

5. Curbside collection

Municipalities may choose to do periodic curbside collection of televisions and computer monitors. Municipalities are responsible for the costs of pick up and transportation to their solid waste facility, recycling center or an approved consolidation facility.

Who pays?

Delivery to municipal collection or approved consolidator	Resident
Municipal collection (if any)	Municipality*
Transportation to Consolidator	Municipality if <16,000 lbs Manufacturer if >16,000 lbs
Consolidator handling and transportation to Recycler	Manufacturer
Recycling	Manufacturer

* Municipalities are allowed to charge fees to cover collection costs